was being done at three other stations on the bleak sand dunes which stretch from Little Egg Harbor north to Barnegat light. None of the crews knew the exact location of the ship in peril. They only knew that omewhere out in the white smother beyond the breaking crests their duty called them and they began their fight with the tumbling surf line.

From Little Egg Harbor and the two stations on Brigantine the surfboats were pushing from their sheds and into the waves. Time and again bonts and men were hurled back by the oncoming combers; the snow was bilinding; spray whipped off from the tops of the waves mingled with the thow to drive like shot into men's eyes.

Finally Capt. Rider and seven men in their boat G. B. McClellan topped the surf line and went groping through the murk into the teeth of the gale. In turn Capt. Holscomb and Capt. Smith got their boats on even keel beyoud the surf line and joined the search for the stranded vessel.

COULD NOT GET NEAR STEAMER.

Capt. Rider and his men were the only ones to come in sight of the ig white tropic ship. They saw that she was not breaking up, and did not risk the extra danger of drawing closer than a half mile.

In the midst of the lifesavers' difficulties one boat had to turn aside to render aid to the powerboat from Atlantic City. Near noon the powerboat was seen to be steering for sheltered water inside the shoals. Signals of distress were waved from the powerboat to the nearest craft of the Little Beach lifesavers, and they put over to assist the crew of the powerboat in making repairs. Their engine had broken down under the strain of the ocean's pounding.

R. W. Bolssevain, general traffic manager of the United Fruit Company, received the first wireless report from the Turrisiba's commander and as soon as the Merritt & Chapman wrecking company could be communicated with he gave orders for the despatching of two big wrecking tugs to the scene of the big ship's peril. The two tugs cannot make the trip much under seven hours, particularly since they will have to buck a head wind and ses during all the trip down the coast.

At the offices of the United Fruit Company, No. 17 Battery place, it was said no complete passenger list of the Turrialba was available. Traffic Manager Bolssevain refused all information concerning the vessel's plight. MANY SHIPS WRECKED WHERE THE TURRIALBA LIES.

The Turrialba left New York on Nov. 30 for her round trip through Caribbean ports. She left Port Limon, Costa Rica, for the return leg of the trip a week ago yesterday, touched at Kingston, Jamaica, five days ago and was to have arrived at her berth, Pier 15, East River, some time about noon. She was laden with fruit, coffee and other tropical products.

One of the newest and largest vessels in the United Fruit Company's service, the Turrialba is a steel ship of 5,000 tons streen, specially designed for service in tropical waters. As a carrier of green fruit, particulary bananas, the boat was fitted with a complete refrigerating plant with an arrangement whereby the cold air could be carried through all staterooms in hot weather.

The place where she now lies, battered by the mountainous waves, is an historic graveyard of ships. So many wrecks have there been "along Barnegat way," as the natives term the strip of treacherous coast, that the old fishermen and descendants of wreckers who make their homes there count epochs of time from the dates when this and that boat went ashore. INSPECTOR HUGHES ON TURRIALBA.

Waldo received a wireless despatch to-day from Inspector Edward P. Hughes briefly stating that the Inspector was on the United "ruit Company's steamship Turrialba, and requesting an extension of his

Hughes left for his vacation on Dec. 2, being ordered to report again for duty to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock. Commissioner Waldo wirelessed back that his request was granted and he made the extension indefinite.

## Panic Aboard Ferryboat When Hit by Tug in Storm.

The ferryboat Brooklyn, of the Atlan-tic avenue line, was run 66wn in the thing was all right, but the women kept run across the river. The blinding snow made it impossible to see more than a few feet away on any side and a turboat with two lumber barges in tow came out of the story and crashed into minutes.

newstorm and four persons were hurt, on screaming till some of the men pas-this morning. The vessel landed at her this morning. The vessel landed at her sengers with level heads got among place at South Ferry an hour late on the

shore and river as effectually as a dense atly there was a wild scene on fog. When the Brooklyn rode safely the ferryboat. Women screamed and into her slip a hurry call was sent to men got ready to jump. There was a the St. Gregory Volunteer Hospital, and ing of glass and a sound of splint- Dr. Freeman responded with an ambu-wood as the men's cabin aft was lance. The injured are Edward Sulliartiy carried away. In the semi-dark-sees it was impossible to tell what the Dennis Maioney, fractured ribs; John ge was. board the tug bells were rung to tusions and lacerations; Thomas Henp and then to back and the vessel nessy. No. 274 Hicks street, laceration and contusion of right foot. All the injured live in Brooklyn. They were removed to the hospital.

## Schooner With Eight Aboard Driven on Sandy Hook Beach strong home for the Christmas holidays, street Commissioner, suddenly has are held up outside Sandy Hook and in loomed into greater importance than

The three-masted lumber schooner John H. May was driven ashore to-day side of her, frequently having narrow on the beach of Sandy Hook. The mountainous waves, driven before the gale, lifted her so high on the beach that she lies far inside the low-tide line. Capt. W. Stitle and his crew of seven men inen were able to drop to the sand and walk to the two life-naving crews which had to the life boats themselves and outside. Over logoog gross toning that the big schooner had worked here to the two life-naving crews which had to the low-life had and dry.

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Capt. Chester Lippincott of Sandy
Heek Life-Saving Station No. 1 was
notified at daybreak that a schooner
was in trouble out in the direction of
the two-thousand-yard target used by
the proving station at Fort Hancock.
With eight men he launched the motor
lifebeat of the etation after asking the
agay of Station No. 2 so come with
their beat, which they dragged up the
bench on a truck.
The cease were running so high and
with so many choppy treacherous
changes of direction that meither Lipplacett's crew nor the No. 2 beat could
get near enough to the vessel to get a
line sboard. The schooner was pounding so heavily that they feared she
might break up at any moment and
were eager to get the breeches bucy
working.

## Fifth Avenue Shoppers Braving Snowstorm, Dodging Autos Amid Blinding Whirl of Flakes | Dodging Autos Amid Blinding Whit take | Dodging Autos Amid Blinding Will take | Dodging Am



# **BIG SNOW CRIPPLES TRAFFIC** AND SPOILS LATE SHOPPING

SCENE ON STH AVENUE 40

## Eight Thousand Homecoming Passengers Are Tied Up on Steamers Held at Quarantine and Sandy Hook While Storm Rages.

Santa Claus dropped into New York early to-day and began to carry out his own particular scheme of Christman decoration. Consequently at noon there was something over ten inches of snow under foot and atop the spires, minarets and roofs of the city, and the limbs of the big Municipal Christmas tree in Madison Square Park had room for no artificial tinsel.

bells fingling in the parks-thin, ghostits sardined patrons officeward on of war at noon and announced at its

masses before a forty-five knot northeast gule, nearly 8,000 passengers, hur-

were able to drop to the sand and walk to the two life-caving crews which had been battling all morning to reach them when they were further out on the saved, but the hull itself will probably lie where it is until it rots.

Capt. Chester Lappincott of Sandy Hook Lafe-Saving Station No. 1 was for Philadelphia and was bound from Trieste with 800 passences; the Hamburg American, Americant From Hay is owned by William C. May gers.

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Charleston, S. C., to New York.

Washington of the Hamburg American, Americant From Hamburg American, Americant From Hamburg American of the Holland-America line, from Rotting and was bound from the Holland-American line, bound from Trieste with 800 passences; the Hamburg American Americant From Charleston, S. C., to New York.

Washington of the North German Lloyd, with 2,000 passengers, and the Lloyd, with 2,000 passengers, and the Ancon from Panama, with 150 passen-

All the delayed vessels are heavily laden with Christmas mail. BROOKLYN "L" TRAINS MAKE MANY STOPS.

The first crowds to strike into the by tramping feet were a bit groupny. These early-to-work pedestrian were forced to wade through damp, clinging snow that came well above their shoe tops and, in drift, reached their knees Struggling through the heavy going,

But though he started the first sleigh- | self with his snowstorm, for the millons of presents interchanges through ly reminders of the days before the the mail and on express wagons will be automobile came and tire chains took held up. The delivery of Christmas the place of runners. Santa brought suffering and some inconvenience to millions. Traffic on street car lines, on the elevated roads and on the suburban of burden, are facing a trying ordeal. Christmas deliveries, at best synomothousands into the workday city was thousands into the workday city was are being delayed for hours, in some crippled more or less; only the subway, cases, on each "run." The busy weather men held a council

HOLIDAY HOME-COMING STEAMERS HELD UP.

end that the white precipitation would be over by nightfall and that it would lighten so the total fall would not be more than a foot.

Still, it was the same weather men who assured Big Bill Edwards, who, as

Santa's crisp Christmas gift was a Godsend to thousands of "soldiers" wearing the tattered uniforms of the army of the unemployed. Long before daylight the Mills Hotels and the municipal and Bowery lodging houses were turning out their hordes, later equipped with snow shovels by the

At Brooklyn Bridge the situation was taken in hand by Calvin Crocker, chief engineer in charge of both the Brook lyn and Manhattan Bridges. Subsequen to 4.30, when a string of milk trucks was stalled on the south roadway. there was little congestion. This was due to the fact that Mr. Crocker gave orders that no vehicle except passenger automobiles should be allowed to cross Brooklyn Bridge, drivers and chauffeur of heavy trucks being sent on a detou-

to the Manhattan span.

A few minutes before \$ o'clock, there was a near riot when a West End line train pulled into the station at the women, already late and fearing they would not be able to get on the train,



fought with and trampled upon each cidents resulted from the storm other. Doors and windows were broken, Peter McDermott, fifty years old, of but none was hurt, so far as the police No. 22 East One Hundredth street were able to learn.
FIRST "WHITE XMAS" HERE along a temporary wooden sidewalk at The snowstorm, which came out of Lexington avenue early this morning.

the South, was general over this sec-tion. New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland and other States in this part of When Policeman Hamst of the East the country were all in its grip, but nowhere was the snowfall heavier than in Greater New York. It gave the Hamet sent in a call for an ambulance to the Harlem Hospital. Dr. Hill said Mr. McDermott was dead from concussion of the brain, due to the fall.

er, of No. 1060 Lind avenue, the Bronx, electric train on the New York Central tracks at High Bridge. The motorman

rant on Broadway downtown, left his lyn, early to-day, and was hurrying to his work. In crossing Broadway at cate but brainless apparatus not differ-Worth street he slipped on the cartrack entiating between contact with flesh and an official report of the depin of the same and fell forward on his ances. Formal same at 6 o'clock. If that report is of a same fell forward on his ances, report is of a same fell forward on his ances. Formal same the motorman had to descend from three-inch fall or more, then I'll get out the fender back in the fen

Dr. Hudson said both Mr. Mohr's kneecaps were fractured and he would prob-

Dennis Kelly, thirty-five years old, a laborer, of No. 684 Eleventh avenue, was clinic Hospital in a serious condition.

William Holden of Passale, N. J. was struck by a failing sign, blown down by the wind, a few doors from his place of business, at No 532 West Twenty-fifth street. His back was broken and it is probable his skull was fractured. He was taken to Bellevue.

Commuters from Jersey suffered only

minor inconvenience as a result of the storm. Most of the trains were a few minutes late, but there was none of the delays of olden days, when a six-inch snowstorm was due to tie up suburban traffic for hours. All of the railroads had their snow plows out within an hour after the snow started to fall in quantities, and, with four or five hours' leeway before the beginning of the rush traffic, were able to have their lines shipshape. The Long Island Railroad and the

Westchester County lines also were able unusual delays. The Long Island tried out a machine for melting ice which might accumulate on the tracks. Fall-ure of the mercury to take any decided drop with the coming of the snow made its use almost unnecessary, however.

Ferryboats were delayed to some ex-tent by the thick weather. Traffic from Jersey terminals of railroads to the west was particularly light, commuters taking to the Hudson Tubes by the thousands. The result was increased crowds there, but these unexpected additions to the day's business were handled with but little delay.

All the railroads and transportation lines insisted the expected rush of shoppers later in the day would be handled without difficulty. Incidentally traffic experts insisted the weather would have no effect upon the lookedfor throngs of women shoppers BUSINESS BIG ON THE SUBWAY

delays, but none of them serious. Em One Hundred and Second street and ployees were more inclined to blame their troubles on the usual Christmas The snow had made the boardwalk eve rush than on the weather. They grumbled a bit, he ever, that bot

The subway had to contend with in got to him he was unconscious and creased business. Thousands who ordinarily use elevated or surface service sought the underground to insur of the weather. From Jersey City, Long Island City,

the towns of Staten Island and other communities came tales of woe from operators and patrons of traction lines alike. In Brooklyn the new fangled "trip fender" on the trolley cars, designed to drop on contact with any unfortunate citizen in the car's path, proved a stumbling block to traction Cars equipped with it often were halted entiating between contact with flesh and

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